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Re: Deficient Amendment to Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities. The Rockland Corporation, TRC Mine S/015/085 (ML-45717), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ruehman:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention, received by the Division on May 14, 2001, concerning your proposed TRC small mining operation to be located on state managed land in the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 2, T23S, R6E, SLBM, Emery County, Utah.

This proposed small mine operation is for the same area identified as Rockland's 45717 Core Test exploration project (E/015/070) recently submitted to the Division. This proposed small mine has been categorized as an amendment to the existing TRC Mine S/015/085 because of Division policy for neighboring or related sites. The Division policy would categorize this latest submission as an amendment, because both small mine projects are within two miles of each other and both are operated by Rockland. A separate permit fee is not required for an amendment to an existing small mine notice, so we have applied your \$100.00 check to the upcoming 2001 annual permit fee for the existing small mine notice.

**This amended small mine notice does not satisfy the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated.** The following information for the proposed small mine amendment is required:

1. A description of the current dimensions of the existing road sections which will be improved, and also describe the road dimensions after the improvements have been made.
2. Identification of the existing roads to be improved on a copy of the relevant portion of the Mesa Butte quad map.
3. Confirmation that no variances are being requested for this area of mining operations. This implies that this project will be operated and reclaimed in accordance with all applicable sections of the operation and reclamation practices of the Minerals Rules for small mine operations.

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4. A description of the dimensions of the proposed mining disturbance(s) that includes the length, width, and depth of any excavations.

Please be aware that as an amendment to an existing small mine operation this new site disturbance will be combined with the disturbance from the existing S/015/085 small mine and the combined total must be five acres or less to remain under the small mine operation permit category.

Please be advised that you will need prior approval to commence operations or conduct road improvements on state lands or mineral leases administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Division will suspend review of this small mine amendment and await your response to this letter. In reply, please refer to file S/015/085. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: John Blake, SITLA  
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